

"Gifts from the Heart"

2019 Symbols, Charities & Objectives



SYMBOL: *THE HAT*

The symbol I have chosen is the **HAT**. Through the journey of life, we symbolically wear many hats. Spouse, parent, provider, sibling, grandparent, friend...the list is endless. So it is with Eastern Star, we wear many hats. We believe in one True God, strive to live with moral values and do good for others. Sisters and Brothers wear your hats well.

The *WGP has picked the Military Service Hat* to join my hat in honor of our veterans. Sisters and Brothers wear your hats well.



EMBLEMS

HEART—The heart is life giving and considered the center of emotions. Our Star Points heroines teach us about Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love. They looked to God to direct their hearts and so should we. Proverbs 3:5

HAT BOX—The hat box can not only store hats but other treasures. It's an emblem of protection and memories. We need to protect the future of our beautiful Order and cherish fond memories of the past. The Hat box stores our treasures on earth and in our Heart we should store up our heavenly treasurers.



CROWN—The Crown is to remind us our Father is The KING so that makes us heirs to the Crown.

THE GARDEN BRIDGE—The Garden Bridge reminds us.... We should always be building bridges of friendship. The Garden Bridge isn't long or steep...take a few steps...meet someone...and start building a bridge of friendship.



FEATHER—The feather, it just tickles me that GOD loves the sparrow and He loves me more. A feather in your hat is considered a sign of approval. Matthew 6: 25-26

FUN EMBLEMS

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BINGO—remember to have fun

Gooseberry pie—eat dessert first

Lemonade shake-ups—have a thirst for life

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Hot dog—reminds me of friends sharing good times

Airplane—for my service in the U.S. Air Force

Dog—my love of man's best friend

COLORS:

Turquoise—is a symbol of Heaven and represents wisdom, love and patience. It reminds us where God is and how great He is. It is chosen in honor of my fraternal Mom and Dad and all PGMs and PGPs and all their guidance and dedication.

Golden Amber—is a gem of nature and symbolizes the Glory of God. It represents grace and repentance. It is chosen in honor of my little brother, Shawn McAfee PGP, and his passion for God and the Eastern Star.

Pearl—is an organic gem and a symbol of uniqueness. It represents harmony and generosity. We are reminded that pearls of wisdom are acquired through experience. It is chosen in honor of my OES Sisters and Brothers and how we are all one of a kind.

Emerald—is a symbol of Eternal Life. It represents mercy, praise and new beginnings. Our faith in God and knowledge of His Word helps direct us through the labyrinth of life. I chose this color in honor of the Holy Bible that rests upon the altar at every meeting.

Ruby—is a symbol of the blood of Jesus and represents sacrifice and victory. As Christians and Eastern Star members we live in the Truth that Jesus paid it all and salvation is our reward. I chose this color in honor of Jesus our Savior.

WGP Color: Blue...he likes blue

FLOWERS:

Stargazer Lily-The blooms of the Stargazer points toward Heaven. It is a symbol of hope, optimism and limitless possibilities. The Stargazer Lily was chosen in honor of God. This is my daughter Dawn's favorite flower.

Pink Carnation-Bright pink carnation symbolizes a mother's pure love and bonds of affection. Carnation is the birth flower of January; our three children were all born in January. The carnation is in honor of mothers and families. It was my sister's favorite flower and she was a Rainbow Girl.

Red Rose-The red rose is a symbol of love, courage and compassion. It is the national flower of the United States. My Dad was a World War II Navy Veteran and a 60+member of the Masons. I chose this flower in honor of our service men and women.

Poinsettia-The red poinsettia is known as the Christmas Star or the Star of Bethlehem. It is a symbol of reassurance and celebration. The Three Wise Men were led by the Star in the East to Jesus' birth. I chose the poinsettia in honor of my 2015 family who are also led by that Star.

WGP Flower: Yellow Rose of Texas in honor of his wife.

WGM Scriptures: Proverbs 3:5 Matthew 6: 25-26 James 1:12 James 1: 17-182
Corinthians 9:15 Ephesians 4: 32 1 Corinthians 12: 4-5

WGP Scriptures: Matthew 18:20 John 3:16 1 Corinthians 16:14
Psalms 119:105 Matthew 7: 7 Deuteronomy 15: 11

SONGS:

WGM: “I Hope You Dance” by Lee Ann Womack; “Keep on the Sunnyside”; “Do Lord”; “I saw the Light”; “Ancient Words”; “I was there to Hear your Boring Cry”; “When the Roll is called up Yonder”; “Using my Bible as a Roadmap”; “Sweet’ Sweet Spirit”; He Touched Me”; “Will the Circle be Unbroken”; “What a Friend we have in Jesus”; “That’s All” by Nat King Cole; 50’s music

WGP: “Kum ba yah”; “Jesus Loves Me”; “His Eye is on the Sparrow”; “Hound Dog”; “Holy, Holy, Holy”; “This Little Light of Mine”; Beach Boys songs and Elvis songs.

Opening Ode: “The Old Rugged Cross”

Closing Ode: “I’ll Fly Away”

Itinerary: “Hold on to your hats and get ready to soar.”

Session Title: “Gifts from the Heart” Session

Motto: “God Loves A Cheerful Giver.”

Watchword: GIVING (Acrostic word)

God loves a cheerful giver.
Charlty begins at home.
LoVe one another.
Trust ln the Lord.
Be kiNd.
ForGive

GRAND CHAPTER of MISSOURI CHARITIES

- Educational Fund Board
- Lois Jackson Newman Youth Fund
- Masonic Youth Groups (general donations)
- Emergency
- ESTARL
- Welfare

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER CHARITIES (TBD – General Grand Chapter Session is October 27 – November 1, 2019; will be announced at Installation)

- Regenerative Medicine (2015-2018)
- Support Dogs (2015-2018)

WGM/WGP SPECIAL CHARITIES – 2019

ABC MASONIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS (Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay)

- We will be selling LITTLE HATTIE DOLL and her pal BINGO with Sister Marge Carney's ABC Youth Pin attached to Little Hattie's straw hat. The money generated from this will provide support and assistance to our MASONIC YOUTH through SCHOLARSHIPS. They hold the key to the further of the Masonic Fraternity and we must emulate a standard they will want to follow when the opportunity presents itself for them to consider joining our organization.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION GREATER MISSOURI CHAPTER (WGM)

- A part of the money collected in 2019 will help continue the research, programs and assistance needed for the patients and families facing the most common type of dementia. My father suffered from the effects of Alzheimer's and the whole family suffers as they watch their loved one decline.

C.H.A.M.P. ASSISTANCE DOGS (WGP)

- C.H.A.M.P. is a non-profit organization which places skilled service dogs with people who have disabilities, to help them lead lives of greater independence and places facility dogs with professionals who utilize their dogs' special skills in healthcare facilities, courthouses, and children's advocacy centers. C.H.A.M.P. stands for Canine Helpers Allow More Possibilities. They also provide the community with education programs, therapy dog teams and puppy raising programs.

MASONIC HOME OUTREACH & PENNY-A-DAY PROGRAMS

- The Masonic Home of Missouri started the Outreach Program in 1991. At that time the Masonic Home of Missouri's Board of Directors recognized that there was a need to help Missouri Master Masons, wives, widows and female members of the Order of the Eastern Star throughout the state in their own communities. The program evolved into nine distinct programs:
 - Long-Term Financial Assistance
 - Short-Term Financial Assistance
 - Children's Outreach
 - Creating-A-Partnership
 - Armed Forces
 - Masonic Family Cares
 - Social Services
 - Widows
 - Financial Education
- Penny-A-Day
 - We are asking members to consider contributing at least \$3.65 to the Masonic Home Outreach Program. Members participate in Penny-A-Day giving an additional \$3.65 when paying their 2019 dues. Each member who donates will receive a special pink sticker to be applied to their 2019 dues cards.

SHRINER'S HOSPITAL – ST LOUIS

- The following mission is carried out without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin or ability of a patient to family to pay.
 - Provide the highest quality care to children with Neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family centered and collaborative care environment.
 - Provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals
 - Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families.

DINE-OUT MISSOURI

- We are continuing our Dine-Out Missouri program. At least once this year we will have a designated day for this event. Plans are being made in regards to restaurants and dates.

FUN DAY

- Our Fourth Annual Fun Day will be Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Masonic Complex (lower level) in Columbia, Missouri. Plans are already in the works – we anticipate another exciting and enjoyable day of FUN!!!

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES for 2019

Every Chapter will be working toward the “WEAR YOUR HATS WELL” Award. We will be working together to keep our Order alive, continue helping in our communities and working with our Masonic Youth Organizations.

It is important that while we take care of our own, we also find time to do good for others as well, The Worthy Matron should appoint someone in each chapter to keep track of their chapter's achievements. Each time we are in your district, we will have one member from the Grand Family collect a report as to how well you are doing working towards obtaining this achievement. A final list should be submitted to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Brenda Goings:

**BRENDA GOINGS, WGM
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A special certificate will be given to each chapter that participates, the awards will be presented during our Grand Chapter Session in Jefferson City. The following achievements must be met to receive the award.

16 CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Support our Masonic Youth Groups by setting aside a meeting to honor them or attend one of their meetings or events. If there are no Masonic Youth Groups in your community, then participate by offering support at the Masonic Youth Day, Saturday, August 3, 2019 or make a contribution to the Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, Rainbow Grand Assembly or DeMolay Conclave.
2. Honor the Master Masons in your community by inviting the Masons, their wives and family to the Chapter of District social event. Encourage them to become members of Eastern Star. You might want to consider providing refreshments before one your Masonic meetings.
3. Donate toward a local food drive or food pantry, supporting those in need in your community.
4. Participate in recognizing our service men and women or area veterans.
5. Visit, call or send a card at least four times during the year to your chapter "shut-ins". Let them know they have not been forgotten. You can remember them at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's & Father's Day, 4th of July, Labor Day or their birthday.
6. Attend five of the following events:
 - a. Your district School of Instruction
 - b. Your district Official Reception
 - c. Visit a neighboring district
 - d. Masonic Youth Day – Saturday, August 3, 2019
 - e. OES Fun Day – Saturday, July 20, 2019
 - f. Attend all your district's Friendship Nights (coin drill = Masonic Home Outreach)
 - g. 2019 Grand Chapter Session – October 14 – 16, 2019
7. Hold a Proficiency Night in your Chapter – have everyone renew their Obligation together.
8. Plan a "Homecoming" Meeting – invite and encourage members who have not been attending to come. Maybe meet early have dinner or refreshments before the meeting.
9. Open your chapter meetings in long form and no more than two time in short form if you meeting twice a month; one time in short form if you meet only once a month. Take pride in the work of our Order.
10. Donate your Friendship Night coin drill to MASONIC HOME OUTREACH)
11. Attend a worship service together as a chapter.
12. Designate one of your coin drill(s) in January to ABC MASONIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS.
13. Hold a memory night in your chapter by honoring the Past Matrons, Past Patrons, 25 and 50/50+ year members. Ask them to share a special memory of their year of service and OES event they treasurer. It is important that we recognize the accomplishments for these who have given so much to make our Order so great.
14. Hold a special recognition night to honor and encourage those members who have been members less than two years. Send special invitation to encourage them to attend all meetings, especially this night.
15. Support the 2019 Charity Projects
16. Initiate at least three new members during the year.